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For: **OPTICAL SAFETY DEVICE FOR
MOUNTING ON A MOVING MEMBER**

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Dear Sir:

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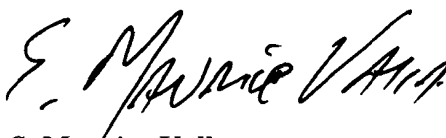
The above-referenced application is a divisional of U.S. Patent No. 6,316,763,
which was prosecuted in the name of the inventors by Mr. Thomas Appleyard, under 35 U.S.C. §
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Our client, Robert M. Appleyard, one of the named inventors, hereby asserts that
he has not assigned right, title, or interest in this application, nor in any invention described
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Robert M. Appleyard respectfully requests that this assertion of his continued ownership of this patent be entered in the patent file.

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